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OF

A REVEREND VICAR.

A *VICAR* once (Lord ſave us all)
A *Lawyer* to his houſe did call,
With full intent to leave his *pelf*
In truſt with thoſe——moſt like *himſelf*;
The *Lawyer* came——and lookt quite big,
Important, with full bottom'd wig,

And *air ſupreme*——as if the nation
Had waited his determination;
Then lugging out his pens and paper,
He thus beſpoke the rev'rend *Vicar:*
Your *Reverence* (I do preſume)
For *legacies* will make ſome room—
As (Sir) it is a common thing
Before we touch upon the ſtring
Of money matters and ſo forth,
To leave our goods of greater worth,
As *ſermons*, *eſſays* and *old tracts*,
Which well may paſs for certain *facts*;
Such things (Sir) of great *conſequence*,
Diſpatch'd muſt be, in lieu of *pence:*
Then be it ſo——cries out the *Vicar*,
Firſt in the liſt *we'll* place *W. Parker*,

To him (as he's ſo very *callous)*
I give my lecture on the *gallows*;
My *ſ*----*s* (I think) I'll give to *W*--*g*----*d*,
My *ſermons* to my old friend *W*--*t*----*d*;
To *Rector L*---, in time of need,
I give my treatiſe on the *creed*,
And to the reverend Mr. *N*----*r*
My eſſay on *Chevalier Taylor*;
Then to my rev'rend *ſon* in *law*
I give my eſſay upon *Jaw*,
And to his *wife* (his preſent load)
My ſmart remarks on *large W. B*--*g*:
To brother *Bob* (upon my life)
I give my eſſay upon *ſtrife*,
And to my *learned* brother *Nat*,
My cur'ous ſermon on the *Bat*;

My

My lecture on the *ſun* and *moon*,
I do bequeath to *vicar B---n*,
And to my friend *archdeacon S---p*,
A cur'ous rod to catch a *carp :*
To *Phillips* too (a cur'ous author)
Who never meant with *truth* to barter,
I doubtleſs give (tho' I'm no *fool)*
To him and heirs—my own *c---- ſ---l.*
I give the *univerſities*
A choice receipt to make *mince-pies* ;
And to my friends at *Lincoln college*,
The neateſt way to ſup *plumb-porridge :*
To *lawyer C----r* (without doubt)
My treatiſe on the *Iſle* of *B-r-*,
And to my friends at *G---ſ---d Park*,
My ſhrewd remarks upon a *ſhark* ;

To *C--l--g---d* the *laird* of *U------*
My diſſertation on a *pickthank*,
And to *W. G----n* all my load
Of *curſes* on the *turnpike* road;

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I give the worthy *C---------n*
My Eſſay upon *Fornication*,
And to the *members* of the *T--n*,
(To purchaſe *C-----s) half a crown:*
My tract on *Elohim* and *Berith*,
I give to *alderman W. P-----h*,
And to my ſweet friend *N---- S-----n*,
My famous eſſay on a *vixon*;

To *J—y W—g* a ſet of *Curls*,
With all my *Oriental Pearls:*
I give my treatiſe upon *land*
Unto the rev'rend Doctor *B---d*,
And to the beauteous Doctor *V--e*
My curious *amber-headed cane*;
My art of *fencing* (by his leave)
I give to *maſter Dicky G----e*,
And *waſhballs* too, a curious ſtock,
Wou'd ſcent the *devil* and all his *flock*;
And all my *Epicurean Pans*,
With a *Cambrick* cloth to wipe his hands:
My *beautiful* remarks on *ſlavering*
I give the *wiſe* Sir *T. C--------g*,
And to my *jolly* friend *Tom L----e*
My art of playing on the *fiddle*:

I give

I give my eſſay upon *bacon*
To the *facetious Nat C-----n*,
Likewiſe my treatiſe upon *ſwine*
I do bequeath to *mother B--e*,
And to the worthy folks in *Lawn*
My eſſay on the beſt fed *Brawn*.
I give my family cheeſe *Toaſter*
Unto the reverend Mr. *B------r*,
And to the reverend Mr. *D---h*
My cur'ous eſſay upon *Starch*;
The ſecret rare of dreſſing *Dates*
I give to the rev'rend Mr. *Bates*,
And to the reverend Mr. *H--l*,
By Jove——I'll give him *nouſe at all*:
To *Aſkew* too (by way of ſport)
I give my eſſay upon *Port*,

And

And to my ſtaunch friend, *C----y B------g*,
I give my ſhrewd remarks on *Hagling*.
My favourite remarks on *w-----g*,
Unto the rev'rend Doctor *J----g*,
And to the *deep read* Mr. *L------e*
My lecture *trite* on a *Piſmire:*
I give *Joe G---n (good lad* tho' *vain)*
My ſentiments on *burnt Champagne*;
To *F----------e*, (ſo wond'rous nice)
Of *Parma* cheſe——a *goodly ſlice*,
And to *Ra. G--y* my riddles all,
Likewiſe my eſſay upon *gall:*
To Mrs. *G--y* I certainly will give
My Thoughts on *ſquinting*, as I hope to live,
A *diamond*, that wou'd grace a *king*,
To *Neddy G--y*——ſet in a *ring*;

And

And to the *excellent* Miſs *S——r*
I give my eſſay upon *Fother :*
My Thoughts on *veniſon* and *ſweet ſauce*
To *Doctor Johnſon*—it is no farce,
And to my learned friend *Jack F----h*
My late diſſection of a *Tench :*
I give to my friend *E----- B-----t*
My favourite eſſay upon *Claret*,
And to my good friend *William O--*
The uſe (and ſo forth) of a *cord :*

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The verſes of *Pythagoras*,
I give to Sir *Lawrence D----s*,
And to my *black* friend *Sturdy Optics*
My *labour'd* treatiſe upon *Cauſtics* ;

To *A-----d* too—that worthy knight,
I give my eſſay on a *Fight* :
To *A----n* (by way of reading)
I give my eſſay on good *breeding*,
Then to his wife—the *gentle Kitty*,
I give my eſſay upon *Pity* ;
And to his *matchleſs* children *three*,
My quaint remarks on *Tyburn tree*.

But as to all my ſtock of *wealth*,
By G--, I'll keep that to myſelf,—
Sign'd, *Seal'd*, *Deliver'd*, *in* Sixty One,
By *me*, the *Vicar* of *B-d---g--n*.

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